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**The Pledge.** I pledge my allegiance to My Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## NO TIME TO LET UP

When a community has a problem to solve there is only one time to stop discussing it. That time arrives just after the problem is solved.

For example last fall Ontario engaged in a mild discussion concerning typhoid fever conditions in this vicinity. The debate took no serious turn and was only passingly interesting save to those who had been ill or those who had to pay the bill. To the others it was merely an academic discussion which worried them slightly until after they had taken the prophylactic treatment, after which they adopted the attitude, "they should worry."

And that is as far as they did worry. The result is that Ontario has had the debate renewed in a more emphatic form this fall.

In matters of public health, therefore, it seems that the wise course is to fight it to a finish, or like Banquo's ghost it will rise to haunt the community ever afterward.

## GETTING DOWN TO CASES

There is sound sense in the position taken by the Council now on the question of the water supply. The solution of this vexing problem is not one for amateurs. There must be no doubts concerning the purity of the supply which the finally adopted plan will secure. That is the first essential. Next to that the scheme must be feasible and within the reach of Ontario's purse.

After the Council has placed before the people an exact program with the probable cost it will be clearly up to those who have sought this improvement to give the matter the consideration it deserves.

If anyone can imagine anything that would be of greater benefit to Ontario than an adequate supply of pure, soft water for all purposes, that thing would be a blessing indeed. With that as a start, following the clean-up planned by the Council, which would be a big step in a movement to "swat the fly" before it emerged from the egg, the chances for an epidemic would be greatly reduced. Is not that something worthy of attainment?

## WHAT IT COSTS?

A conservative estimate of the cost of each case of typhoid fever is \$300. That is the cost to the person provided he gets well. But in ten cases in every hundred the victim fails to recover, so his family has to meet funeral expenses which vary anywhere from \$50 to an indefinite sum.

But that is not all the cost. The state, ie, society reasons that every citizen is worth \$5,000 to it as an economic producer. And since one in every hundred taken with typhoid dies the state loses \$5,000, which would add another \$50 to the cost of each case.

According to information the Argus has received there were in all 45 cases in Ontario this year. Nine of these originated on the Bench, or in Payette and Weiser, and one came from near Westfall, and one from the Boulevard. The others came from Ontario. If that is the exact figures, it leaves 33 cases to be charged against Ontario, which at \$300 each makes a charge to typhoid of \$9,900. But there were two deaths. At the state's estimate, and we believe every father and mother will agree that it is a sufficiently low figure, \$6,000 should be added to first item, making a total of \$15,900.

Then as a matter of certainty Ontario lost some business on account of the disease. How much no one knows. It may have been little, it may have been a great deal. Anyway it is worth trying to save next year.

## WHEREIN HAS OREGON SINNED?

With all of the burdens of war to be considered Congress thru its committees has not been overlooking domestic affairs, as was evidenced by the news dispatches of Tuesday morning's papers, which carried the tentative budgets for the various governmental departments.

There was thru the absence of appropriations for Oregon, food for that for Oregonians. While such items as, \$435,000 for King Hill, \$954,000 for Yakima, and other sums for Okanogan, Minidoka and other projects in Washington and Idaho formed the burden of the reclamation section, appropriations for Oregon reclamation districts could not be discovered with the naked eye. Why is this the case? Wherein has Oregon sinned against Congress that it can not get even a portion of the money that has been taken from the sale of lands of the state for the reclamation of the arid regions?

We will leave the answer to those who are more familiar with Oregon than we are, but can not do so without this observation: it is time that Oregonians awakened to the situation and sent men down to Washington who possess that peculiar business ability combined with personality which makes them popular with their fellow members and "gets results for their state."

## COLONEL WOOD'S REPORT

Col. C. E. S. Wood in so many words told the landowners of the Warm Springs District at Vale yesterday that the committee which the district sent to Washington last winter, "had the money," with which to build the Warm Springs reservoir and distribution system, when by reason of the announcement of the private sale of the bonds forced the withdrawal of the bills.

What ever doubts existed in the minds of anyone concerning the reliability of Col. Wood's statement was dissolved by the announcement of that apportionment of \$435,000 given the King Hill project in Idaho, as announced in the daily papers on Tuesday. The Warm Springs and the King Hill were united in the bill presented to Congress last winter and they would have been considered as one measure had not the "private sale," with an option clause, not been consummated at Vale on the day that the President's endorsement was received for the Warm Springs project.

While this is true, now is not the time for postmortems. It is the right time to forget the past and to dig in and get that money from the present Congress. There exists a general and well sustained belief that the war will not be over for from two to three years, at least, and food will be even more essential for the success of the allied armies during each successive year than it has during the past years, therefore any project which possesses possibilities of increasing the crop area within a year will be given favorable consideration, at Washington.

## IN TO THE FINISH

Even more than was the last will the session which convened Monday be a war Congress. In his address to both Houses on Tuesday The President asked that the fiction of peace with Austria and the other German allies be abandoned. Therefore without a doubt Congress will formerly say to the citizens of Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, "you are our enemies."

Such a step is necessary for the adequate handling of espionage problems here at home. The fact has been generally recognized that it has been the Austrians, at the instigation of the Germans, no doubt, who have been most guilty in connection with the destruction of munition plants, wharves and other necessary war institutions. Until they could actually be caught in the act of destroying property the government agents were almost powerless to combat these enemies, for they were that even tho no declaration of war against their government had been made.

## GET READY FOR THE DRIVE

Driving of one kind or another is getting to be the national pastime these days. If it is not a Liberty Loan Drive it is a Y. M. C. A. or a Red Cross drive. In fact they are getting so close together that it looks like one continuous drive, just as it is in France, save the drivers here are safe and are not injuring themselves nor their fellow men and women. Until those of us remaining at home start to give, "until it hurts," we will not have done half what we should do, if our action is to be compared with the boys in the trenches.

## Working Like a Sheep Dog.

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Overdrafts	89.85	Surplus and Profits	57,492.54
Liberty Bonds and U. S. Bonds	\$2,309.00	Circulation	21,900.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	39,834.56	DEPOSITS	\$44,233.13
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Stock in Reserve Bank	3,000.00		
CASH	\$240,150.99		
	\$973,626.67		\$973,626.67

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